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Re: Application of **Marco FRANCIA**

**AN AUXILIARY SPRINKLING AND RECIRCULATION DEVICE FOR  
WINE-MAKING TANKS**

Assignee: **GIMAR TECNO S.R.L.**

Our Ref. **Q78585**

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 17 sheets of the specification and title sheet, including the claims and abstract and 6 sheets of drawings. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement citing a related co-pending application.

Copies of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and executed Assignment with PTO Form 1595 will be submitted at a later date.

**Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.**

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| Total claims       | <u>20</u> | - | <u>20</u> | = | <u>0</u> | x | \$9.00  | = | <u>\$0.00</u>          |
| Independent claims | <u>1</u>  | - | <u>3</u>  | = | <u>0</u> | x | \$43.00 | = | <u>\$0.00</u>          |
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The priority document will be submitted at a later date.

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